



Hawaii State Legislature 2010 Report

FOR THE PEOPLE



A Newsletter from State Representative John M. Mizuno

30th District - KAMEHAMEHA HEIGHTS, KALIHI VALLEY, FORT SHAFTER, MOANALUA

Personal Message from Rep. John Mizuno

Our mission is to provide Human Services to the people of Hawaii. During the greatest fiscal recession our state has ever faced, we shall work to craft a budget that reflects our shared goals, principals, and priorities, which will provide the foundation for a sustainable Hawaii. As the Chairman of the Human Services Committee, I will continue to work with leadership in making difficult decisions to reduce state spending. I will also continue to be a strong advocate for education, health, human services, and public safety.

During the last session, I worked to secure over \$800 million in funding to address the following areas: employment training programs for the unemployed, to train a literate and competent workforce to compete in the global market, universal healthcare for Hawaii's children, healthcare for our elderly, quality education in pre-school & child care services, services for those with developmental disabilities, healthcare for the uninsured, funded safe houses for homeless youth, provided mental health services, funding for domestic violence services and shelters for victims of domestic violence, increased federal funding for Hawaii's hospitals, provided funding for legal services for low-income families & immigrants, and funding for youth gang prevention services.

We will continue to work with officials from local, state, federal, and private sectors to produce positive outcomes for the people of Hawaii. Our focus will be to empower Hawaii's youth and the needy to be successful in life. We will continue to work on policy to prevent unreasonable rate cuts to case managers, preschools and child care centers' subsidies. We will continue to support our care homes and community care foster homes for our elderly and disabled. We will work on measures to ensure affordable housing and protecting the most vulnerable in our communities with stronger public safety laws to reduce domestic violence and hate crimes. We will continue to support programs that expand our workforce and properly address the state's fiscal recession. The difficult global economy has presented a formidable challenge to the 25th Legislature; however, we are committed to meeting those challenges and making the most vital decisions for the betterment of the state. It is our belief that from crisis comes great opportunity, and the decisions we make today can be a rock solid foundation for a stronger state in the years to follow. I thank you for allowing me to serve you and ask for your continued support and assistance as we work together to make our state stronger. Always remember the doors of my office are always open to you and your family, because it's your office, too. You are my employer and I will always answer to you!

Rep. Mizuno meets President Barack Obama



From left to right, Vice Speaker Michael Magaoay, President Barack Obama, U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka, Rep. John Mizuno and Rep. Joey Manahan in Washington, D.C. working on healthcare policy for Hawaii's people.

Rep. Mizuno is named Legislator of the Year



Rep. Mizuno is recognized as the 2009 LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR. Presenting the award is Doctor Jill Oliveria of the Hawaii Psychological Association. The Capitol press release provides, "This is the second year Representative Mizuno has been recognized as the 'Legislator of the Year.' In 2007, his first year in office, he became the only first year freshman legislator to be recognized as the Legislator of the Year."

The Top Priorities for the Legislature is the State Economy, State Budget, Health and Human Services, Education and Public Safety

STATE BUDGET & GENERAL FUNDS

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Hawaii State Representative John Mizuno serves as the Chairman for the Human Services Committee, which has oversight over the second largest department in the state, with the second largest budget. Rep. Mizuno worked to secure general funding of \$714 million in Fiscal Year 2010 and \$780 million for Fiscal Year 2011 for Human Services.

FEDERAL FUNDS

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Rep. Mizuno was instrumental in securing federal funds for Human Services. During the last Legislative session, as Chairman of the Human Services Committee, Mizuno worked to lock in on \$154.6 million in Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds (which includes additional federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 and federal money from the Deficit Reduction Act for FY2010.)

Rep. Mizuno also secured \$128.9 million in federal funding for FY2011. Much of this federal funding is necessary to support programs for struggling families in Hawaii, during this difficult economic global slowdown.

Rep. Mizuno supported the government salary reductions. Faced with the largest recession in state history and the adverse effects on state revenue from the current fiscal crisis, Rep. Mizuno supported HB1536, which became law and mandated a five percent reduction in salary for legislators and other government officials. According to Rep. Mizuno, "We need to lead by example and the pay cut was the right issue to support."

PUBLIC SAFETY, REDUCING CRIMES & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WERE PRIORITIES AT THE LEGISLATURE

Rep. Mizuno donates \$500 of his personal money as a reward for the person who contacted crimestoppers with information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the murder of Iris Rodrigues-Kaikana. (Right) Rep. Mizuno explains at the press conference at the Honolulu Police Department the need for the community to report information leading to the arrest of the person responsible for the death of Iris Rodrigues-Kaikana. Shortly after the press conference the suspect was arrested for the alleged murder of Iris Rodrigues-Kaikana.



Together with Rep. Mizuno to his left, Darren Weaver (cousin of Iris) and to his right Iris Rodrigues-Kaikana's father, Steven Rodriguez.



THE PRAYER - Hundreds gathered in prayer at the Hawaii State Capitol, following a silent march for Iris Rodrigues-Kaikana. In a movement and expression of love, Rep. Mizuno asked the family, friends, and community supporters to lay hands on Iris' family and provide all their love, energy, thoughts, hearts, and compassion in prayer to the grieving family.

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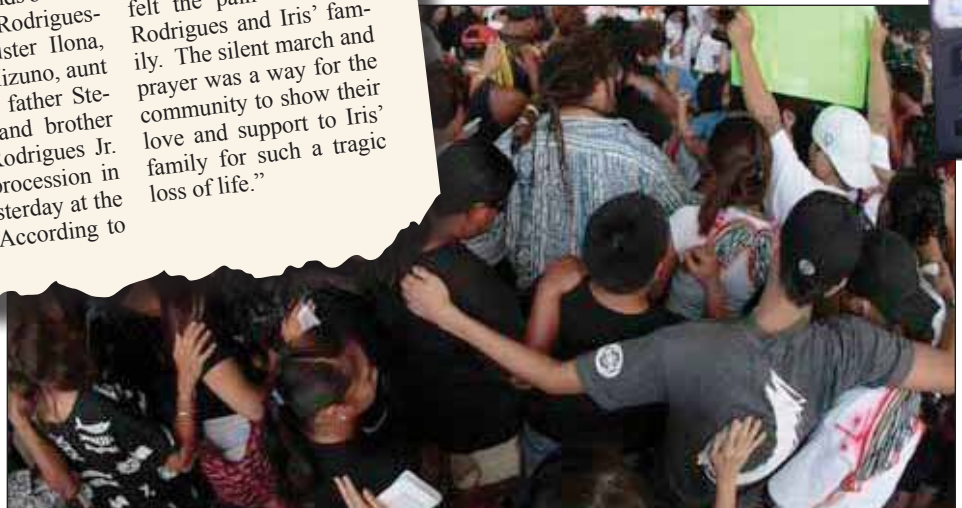
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Quiet Tribute

With heavy hearts, 300 mourners take part in a silent march for Iris Rodrigues-Kaikana

Family and friends of murder victim Iris Rodrigues-Kaikana - her sister Ilona, left, Rep. John Mizuno, aunt Antoinette Fritz, father Steven Rodrigues and brother Steven Ikaika Rodrigues Jr. - walked in a procession in her memory yesterday at the state Capitol. According to

Rep. Mizuno, "Our state felt the pain of Steven Rodrigues and Iris' family. The silent march and prayer was a way for the community to show their love and support to Iris' family for such a tragic loss of life."



VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Safe Havens; Faith-Based Organizations. Rep. Mizuno wrote this measure which provided additional community-based support for victims of domestic violence by urging faith-based organizations including the Hawaii Family Forum, Hawaii Catholic Conference, Interfaith Alliance of Hawaii, and Faith in Action for Community Equity to convene a working group with representatives from the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Catholic Charities Hawaii, and other interested stakeholders to discuss the appropriate role for faith-based organizations to play in addressing domestic violence prevention and the provision of “safe havens” for those trying to escape abusive relationships (H.C.R. No. 37, S.D. 1, 2009). This measure passed the legislature and was adopted in final form.

Congressional Funding, Programs, and Policies. Rep. Mizuno wrote this measure which also passed the Legislature to maintain and increase support for victims of domestic violence by urging Congress to preserve funding and maintain programs, laws, regulations, and policies that assist victims of domestic violence. (H.C.R. No. 46, S.D. 1, 2009).

Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Rep. Mizuno wrote this measure to increase awareness of the prevalence of domestic violence in the state and recognized the compassion and dedication of individuals and organizations working to directly confront this crisis by declaring the month of October “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” (H.C.R. No. 38, S.D. 1, 2009).



Rep. Mizuno leads the Men's March Against Violence at the Capitol.

Violence Against Women, Teens, and Youth

White Ribbon Campaign; Violence Against Women. Rep. Mizuno wrote this measure which also passed to end violence against women by expressing the Legislature's support for the activities of White Ribbon Campaign organizations around the world and encouraging Hawaii's residents to not only support the goals of the White Ribbon campaign, but also to collaborate in the establishment of a local White Ribbon Campaign organization (H.C.R. No. 32, S.D. 1, 2009).

MEDICAID AND MEDICARE

Rep. Mizuno wrote HB1525, which became law to increase transparency and encouraged cultural sensitivity among Medicaid health insurance entities by requiring DHS to include annual reporting requirements in all Medicaid healthcare insurance plan contracts.

Special Education. Rep. Mizuno supported funding of \$20,493,170 for FY 2009-2010 (EDN150; WS220) to reflect an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 adjustment to provide comprehensive student support services funds for the Special Education for the Disabled Program (H.B. No. 200, C.D. 1, 2009).

Healthy Start; Enhanced Healthy Start. Rep. Mizuno worked to ensure that all children have the opportunity to grow into successful, well-adjusted adults by restoring funding to maintain the Healthy Start and Enhanced Healthy Start programs despite budget shortfalls through the following appropriations.

Hawaii Children's Health Care Program. Rep. Mizuno co-authored HB989, to provide healthcare for every child in the state.

Foster Families; Faith-Based Organizations. Rep. Mizuno wrote HCR5, to encourage the development of additional community-based support systems for foster





Rep. Mizuno provides his complete support for the caregivers, case managers, adult day care providers, care home and community care foster home operators.

children and foster families by urging faith-based organizations in the state to network and collaborate to support foster families, including through the formation of foster family ministries.

Foster Care Awareness Month. Rep. Mizuno wrote HCR39, to improve the foster care system in Hawaii by declaring May “Foster Care Awareness Month” as a time to educate the public about various components of foster care and the foster care system.

HEALTHCARE FOR HAWAII’S ELDERLY, DISABLED & SPECIAL NEEDS MEMBERS

The Honolulu Advertiser

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2009

Bill Holds Key to Reuniting Couple in Same Care Home



State Rep. John Mizuno, left, greeted Terry Kaide of Hilo at the State Capitol. Kaide hopes that a bill recently cleared by the Senate and headed to the House will become law so she and her husband can live in the same care home.



Generation Joshua Students meet with Rep. Mizuno.

REP. MIZUNO HELPED TO SECURE FUNDING FOR EDUCATION

Foster Care – Education – Disabled

Rep. Mizuno was the first elected official to request that the Legislature tap into the Rainy Day Fund to address teacher furloughs. In his letter to the Honolulu Advertiser Editor, printed on 30 October 2009, Mizuno stated that the Legislature should use funds from the Rainy Day fund to address public school furloughs. About two weeks later, on November 15, 2009, Governor Lingle announced that the Legislature should tap into the Rainy Day Fund to address the



Rep. Mizuno supported services to the deaf and blind. According to Rep. Mizuno, “We need to support services to our disabled, because through such services they reach their full potential, become independent, and help our state move forward.”

Rep. Mizuno secures over \$6 million in funding for Kalihi district’s schools:

Dole Middle School	\$1,000,000
Kalihi Uka Elementary School	\$810,000
Kae‘wai Elementary School	\$930,000
Kalihi Elementary School	\$660,000
Shafter Elementary School	\$297,000
Farrington High School	\$2,280,000
Kapalama Elementary School	\$148,000



Rep. Mizuno visiting students in Honolulu, Rep. Mizuno shares his views on the importance of education and the ability for youth to attain their dreams through a solid education.

teachers' furloughs. According to Rep. Mizuno, "children represent Hawaii's most precious resource, therefore I believe we should use a certain amount of funding from the Rainy Day funds to eliminate the teacher furloughs. Mizuno cautioned, we should be prudent with this fund, thus portions should also be considered for health and human services over a two year period."

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, SCHOOLS, STREET AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS IN OUR DISTRICT

HR28 Requesting the City and County of Honolulu to conduct a feasibility study to address major concerns along Kalihi Street and HR73 requesting the City and County of Honolulu to conduct a feasibility study for the repair and repaving of side streets along Kalihi Street.

ENERGY & THE ENVIRONMENT

Energy Cost Reduction. Rep. Mizuno supported HB200, CD1, which authorized \$4,041,461 for FY 2009-2010 (LBR903; WS453) in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds for the Weatherization Assistance Program to install energy saving devices in low-income households to reduce energy costs. According to Rep. Mizuno, "We need to invest in renewable energy, we've certainly talked about this concept, so I'm just glad we passed this measure to provide a good foundation for the use of clean, environmentally friendly, renewable energy for Hawaii."

Rep. Mizuno also co-authored HB986, which passed the Legislature to make public schools comply with energy efficiency and



Rep. Mizuno at the Wind Turbines in Maui, which generates clean energy for thousands of homes.

Rep. Mizuno graduated from the elite Western Legislative Academy, recognized as the "Top Gun" legislative academy. In a competitive process, Rep. Mizuno was among only 35 legislators selected nationwide to attend the most prestigious legislative training academy in the United States. The goal of the academy is to build stronger legislators and stronger state legislative institutions. Two alumni now serve in the U.S. Senate and three serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. The training was held at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. (Pictured above is Rep. Mizuno in a class at the Air Force Academy.



Rep. Mizuno greets Mixed Marital Arts World Champion BJ Penn at the State Capitol. Above Right: Rep. Mizuno meets Pro Baseball All Star Shane Victorino of the 2008 World Champion Philadelphia Phillies. According to Mizuno, "It certainly is great to see our local talent shine worldwide. Both BJ and Shane are world class athletes, respectful, and humble – great role models for our children. True Champions."

REP. MIZUNO SUPPORTING OUR MILITARY

Rep. Mizuno, Rep. Cabanilla, U.S. Senator Akaka, U.S. Senator Inouye, Philippine Secretary of Defense Gilbert Teodoro and Honolulu Councilman Cachola recognized the WWII Filipino Veterans.



Sen. Espero, Rep. Ward, Congresswoman Hirono, Rep. Mizuno, Rep. Manahan and Rep. Cabanilla honor the U.S. Military at the Capitol.



Rep. Mizuno with his Coach David Greenhagen, Jr. and Bullhead City, Arizona, Mayor Jack Hakim. Rep. Mizuno presented his coach from his youth days a Koa Bowl and Certificate from the State of Hawaii for his outstanding community service. Rep. Mizuno traveled to Arizona on his personal funds, to see his coach and honor him for his fine community work. Coach Greenhagen was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

higher environmental standards. The bill also required replacement of old portable buildings with high performance classrooms.

HB1464 also became law in 2009, which mandated renewable energy use, development and higher efficiency standards for state property. The measure requires state building to be energy efficient, requires sellers to provide electricity-cost information and provided funding for such energy efficiency improvements. Rep. Mizuno co-authored this bill.

Rep. Mizuno was also the co-author of the new law to mandate solar water heaters for all new residential housing units built from January 1, 2010. The landmark legislation clearly makes Hawaii one of the most progressive states in supporting green energy and protecting our environment.

Rep. Mizuno co-authored HB1538, which required the Department of Education to give first preference to Green Seal approved environmentally-sensitive

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cleaning and maintenance products for use in public schools. According to Rep. Mizuno, “This piece of legislation was significant, because it was the public school students who asked the Legislature to draft this bill. I applaud our youth whose foresight in a cleaner, greener, environment was reflected in this bill.”

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

Filipino Veterans; Family Reunification. Recognized the sacrifices made by Filipino Veterans of World War II by urging the U.S. President and Congress to enact legislation to expedite immigrant visas to reunite these veterans with their children (H.C.R. No. 298, S.D. 1, 2009).

International Ties with the Philippines. Rep. Mizuno & mentor Ben Galindo, M.D. working with Mayor Chester Elaydo and Vice-Mayor Mildred Elaydo of San Esteban, Illocos Sur, during a medical mission. According to Rep. Mizuno, “I was so honored to be invited by Dr. Galindo to this medical mission and it was a great experience providing medical assistance to the people of San Esteban. I have always admired Dr. Galindo for his humanitarian



work and was so fortunate to experience it firsthand. Mayor Elaydo and Vice-Mayor Elaydo were wonderful hosts. I really believe that in providing service to others, we receive so much more in return. Because of Dr. Galindo not only are Hawaii and San Esteban better places, the world is a better place.”

OUR PLEDGE TO YOU

Message from the office of Hawaii State Representative John M. Mizuno

Our pledge is to work with you to make our state a better and safer place, where our children will have the ability to reach their dreams. We believe in listening to many voices and issues, through respect and relationships, cultural sensitivity, partnerships and unity, working together to craft a rock solid foundation of state policy, where our people can achieve prosperity and security. Please call us anytime, anywhere. Always know that the doors of our office will always be open to you and your family, because it's your office too. You are our employer and we will always answer to you!



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